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For : PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF
STRAIGHT-LINE SEGMENTS IN A STREAM OF
DIGITAL DATA THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF
AN IMAGE IN WHICH THE CONTOUR POINTS OF
SAID IMAGE ARE IDENTIFIED

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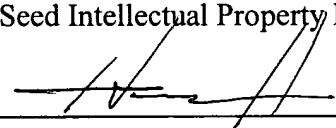
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